

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

**ORDER NO. R2-2002-0087**

**RESCISSION OF CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 93-95 FOR:**

**SOUTHAMPTON COMPANY  
CITIZENS SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION  
ALMA ASSOCIATES  
ALMA ASSOCIATES DBA SOUTHAMPTON COMPANY  
GRANITE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

**NORTH CANYON AND BLAKE COURT LANDFILL - FORMER SOLANO COUNTY  
SANITARY LANDFILL, BENICIA, SOLANO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board), finds:

**SITE DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, AND HISTORY**

1. The Blake Court Landfill is a five-acre area adjacent to Rose Drive within the Southampton residential development in Benicia. Prior to clean closure, the Blake Court Landfill was a small waste fill area located along the eastern wall of the North Canyon Landfill. The North Canyon Landfill was one of two major waste disposal areas within the former Solano County Sanitary Landfill, the East Canyon Landfill being the other (Figures 1 and 2).
2. The former Solano County Sanitary Landfill (also known as the "Braitto" Landfill) operated from 1955 to 1978, primarily for the disposal of non-hazardous solid waste. The landfill covered about 250 acres. In 1979, waste disposal ended and the Solano County Sanitary Landfill was closed under Board Order No. 79-146.
3. After the Solano County Sanitary Landfill was closed in 1979, a residential community was built within the North Canyon. Rose Drive supplanted the North Canyon, and a cul-de-sac known as Blake Court supplanted the small swale area. Several homes were constructed on lots along Rose Drive, but not along Blake Court (Figure 2).
4. Closure plans for the former Solano County Sanitary Landfill called for the complete removal and transfer of waste from the North Canyon to the East Canyon, which is currently regulated under separate Board Order. After construction of the residential development, waste was discovered below ground at the Blake Court Landfill area.
5. Due to the discovery of waste beneath Blake Court, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 87-7 for that area. Order No. 87-7 contained site closure and post-closure monitoring requirements, which were subsequently added to by Board

letters and Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. 93-95. CAO 93-95 required in part the investigation of leachate migration from the Blake Court landfill.

#### **DISCHARGERS AND SITE OWNERSHIP**

6. Granite Management Corporation (hereinafter called Granite) is currently the legal owner of the site. The North Canyon area, including the Blake Court landfill, was formerly owned/operated by Southampton Company, Citizens Savings and Loan Association, and Alma Associates dba Southampton Company. The above parties/entities are collectively referred to as the dischargers.

#### **PURPOSE OF ORDER**

7. The primary objectives of this Order are to (1) acknowledge the clean closure of the Blake Court landfill in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Division 2, Title 27 Section 20950(a)(2)(b); and (2) to rescind Board Order No. 93-95 and its related monitoring requirements.

#### **BASIS FOR RESCISSION**

##### Clean Closure of the Blake Court Landfill

8. Granite, under the direction of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), prepared and implemented a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for areas of the Former Solano County Landfill, including the Blake Court landfill, pursuant to a Cooperative Cleanup Agreement and Implementation Order dated March 21, 2001. Clean closure of the Blake Court Landfill was performed during the period June to November 2001 in accordance with the RAP and the Final Remedial Design Document, which were approved by DTSC.
9. In February 2002, Granite submitted a report entitled Clean Closure Report for The Blake Court Landfill Benicia, California. This report documented the complete removal and off-site disposal of 80,600 tons of waste material and site restoration activities. The report contained the results of over two hundred clean closure confirmation soil samples collected from the excavation surfaces. The results of sampling indicated that all waste, refuse, and associated impacted soil have been removed from the landfill and from its underlying and surrounding environs, such that the site no longer poses a threat to water quality (Figure 3).
10. Several years worth of groundwater monitoring data indicate that no significant discharge has occurred from the Blake Court landfill.
11. All provisions of CAO No. 93-95 have been satisfied.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

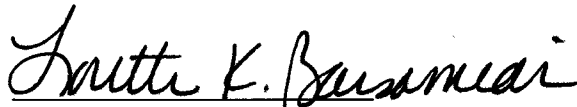
12. This action is categorically exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15321, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

## **NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING**

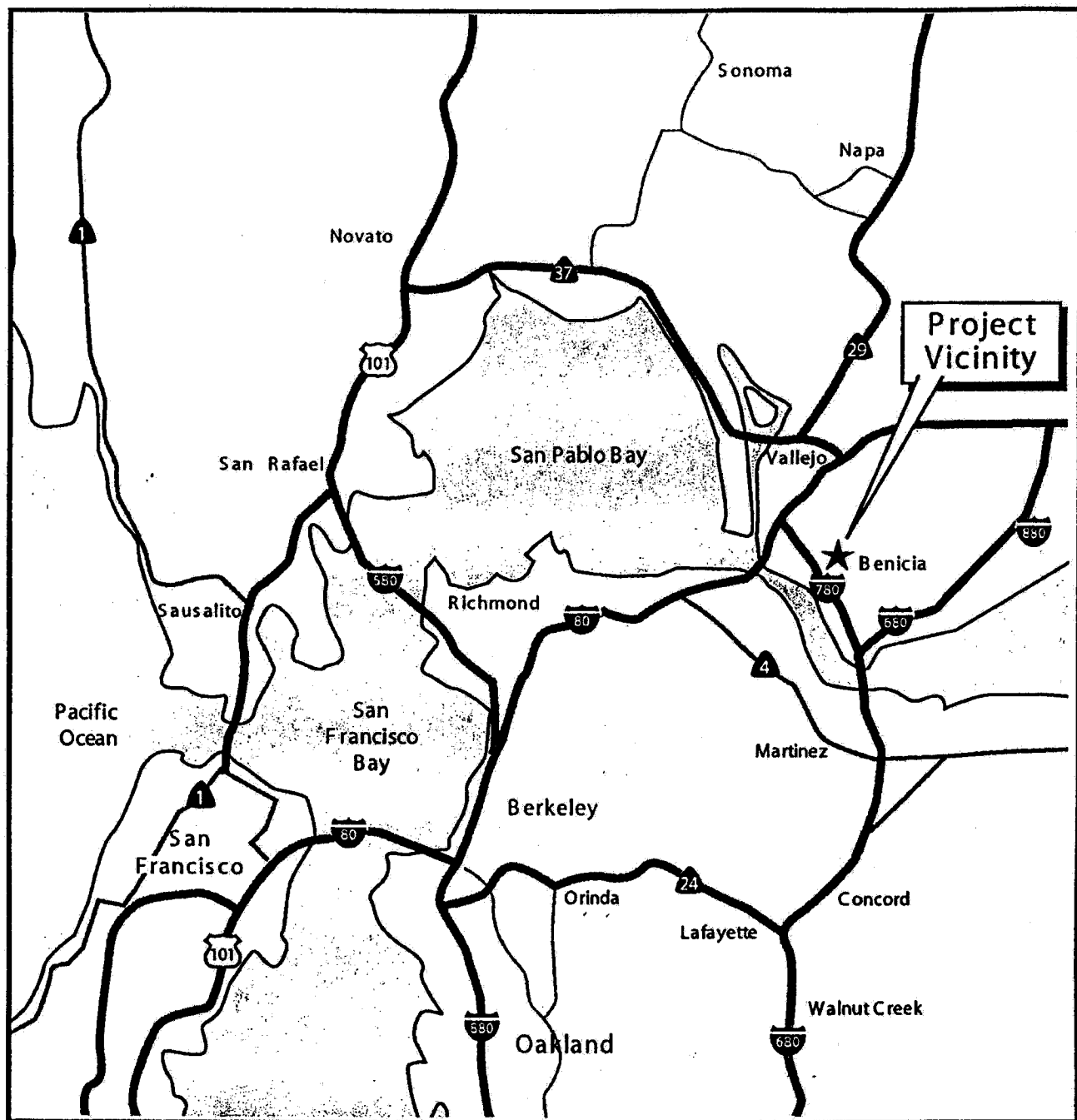
13. The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed rescission of cleanup and abatement requirements for the Site.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:** Board Order No. 93-95 is rescinded.

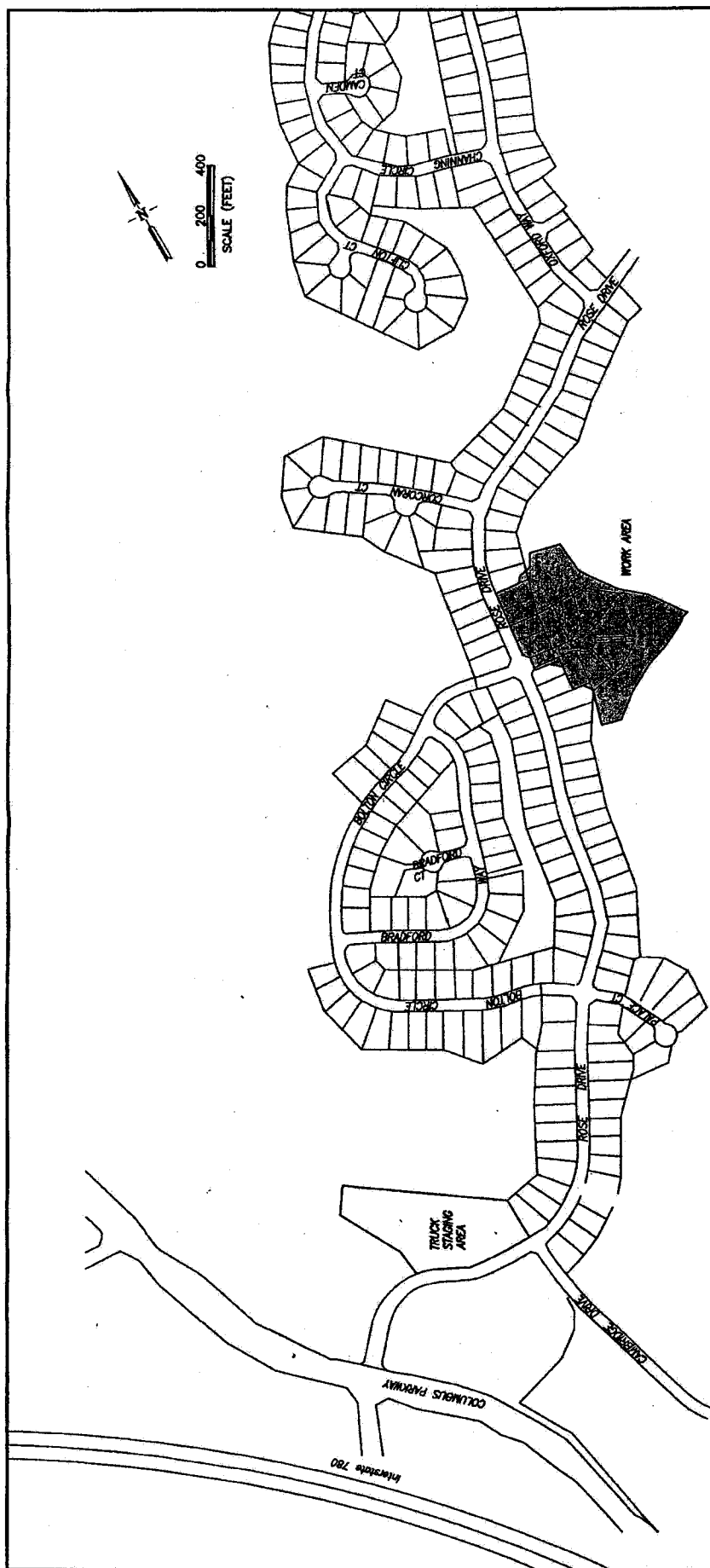
I, Loretta K. Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, complete, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on September 18, 2002.

  
Loretta K. Barsamian  
Executive Officer

Attachments: Figure 1 - Site Vicinity Map  
Figure 2 - Site Location Map  
Figure 3 - Remediation Area



**Figure 1**  
**Site Vicinity Map**  
**Former Solano County Sanitary Landfill**  
**Benicia, California**  
 December 2001 Proj. No. 1056.01



Blake Court Area, Former Solano County  
Sanitary Landfill, Benda, California  
January 2002  
Proj. No. 1056.01

